

NETHERLANDS

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 25 | 6:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Nederlands Elftal
(*NAY-der-lahnts ELF-tal*)

COMMON NICKNAME

Oranje
(*oh-RAHN-yeh*)

TEAM COLORS

Orange

TEAM BASE CAMP

KC Current Training Center
Riverside, MO

WHERE IN THE WORLD

WESTERN EUROPE



Approx. 8–9 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Dutch

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

High

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hallo (HAH-loh) — Hello
- ▶ Dank je wel (DAHnk yuh vel) — Thank you

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

One of the most recognizable traditions in global football is the Dutch “Orange Wave.” Before major matches, thousands of supporters of the Netherlands national football team gather for a fan walk, marching together through the host city toward the stadium.

Dressed head-to-toe in orange — the national color tied to the Dutch Royal House of Orange — fans sing, wave flags, beat drums, and wear playful costumes, turning the walk into a moving street festival.

Known worldwide for their energy and friendliness, Dutch supporters often welcome locals and visiting fans to join the celebration.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Meals may be slightly later than the U.S., but closer to U.S. norms than Mediterranean countries.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Wide-ranging tastes; beer culture is common.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Independent travelers and groups; experience-driven.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cultural events or social spaces may be of interest.



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CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Friendly, cheerful, polite interactions; hospitality is valued.

PAYMENT

Most international visitors primarily use credit or debit cards, including contactless payment methods. Businesses do not need to adopt new or specialized payment platforms. Some visitors may expect PIN-based card transactions, and occasional card declines may occur due to bank security settings.

COMMUNICATION

Many international visitors use WhatsApp for personal communication with friends, family and travel companions. Businesses and community hosts are not expected to use WhatsApp. Visitors may share directions, reservations or information via their mobile phones or screenshots.

HELPFUL TIP

Clear signage, written confirmations, patience and friendly communication go a long way in creating a positive experience for international visitors.

NETHERLANDS TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- The Netherlands have lined up at 11 previous editions of the FIFA World Cup™ and have been featured in seven of the last nine installments.
- They were undefeated across their eight fixtures in the 2026 qualifiers. The only occasions they failed to take maximum points were home and away draws against Poland in September and November.
- Three-time runners-up, the Dutch contested the trophy decider in back-to-back editions in 1974 and 1978 and again in 2010. No other nation has been involved in as many finals without winning the trophy.
- Remarkably, the Oranje have tasted defeat in just two of their 33 group-stage outings at the tournament (including both first and second group stages). The only teams to have got the better of them in group-stage encounters are Scotland (1978) and Belgium (1994).

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Direct communication and friendliness are appreciated.